

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 106-121 are pending. Claims 106, 108, 110-114 and 116-121 stand rejected. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 107, 109 and 115 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. In this response, Applicants have amended claims 106, 108, 113 and 116 and cancelled claims 109 and 117. The features of allowable claim 109 are now incorporated in independent claims 106 and 114.

Objections to the Specification

The specification is objected in view of certain informalities. The Examiner, however, has set forth recommended corrections to the specification on pages 4-10 of the Office Action. Applicants have incorporated the Examiner's helpful suggestions in the enclosed substitute specification and attached amended Abstract. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejects claims 106, 108, 113, 114, 116 and 117 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants have appropriately amended the claims and respectfully request, therefore, that the rejection be withdrawn.


Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action sets forth at page 13, paragraph 16 "Claims 106, 110-114, and 118-121 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asada et al. ... in view of Bingle et al. ..." As mentioned above, Applicants have incorporated the features of allowable claim 109 into each of independent claims 106 and 114. Accordingly, claims 106 and 114 are allowable. Dependent claims 110-113 and 118-121 depend upon either allowable claim 106 and 114 and, thus, are likewise allowable. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Substitute Specification with Edits Shown
Substitute Specification Clean Version
Abstract

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